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COUNTY OF DENNIS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

SECOND ANNUAL EXHIBITION—A MARKED SUCCESS.

Steam Plough at work.—Metodist Dinner.—Large Attendance, etc.

Last Tuesday was the day appointed for holding the second annual exhibition of the County Agricultural Society, and weather proved all that could be desired. During the day the merchants were kept very busy attending to the extra rush of customers. It is estimated there were over 700 people in town for the occasion. One of the chief attractions of the day was

the new straw plough, which was at work on Messrs. Bourne & Routledge's farm. The plough is drawn by a traction engine, is 33 ft. across, and has six shares which work crossways from the way it is moving. The engine is 25-horse power, and travel on the prairie at the rate of five miles an hour, the shares being seven feet in diameter and 30 inches wide.

The engine is constructed on a plan that enables it to work a thresher or draw a load of from 10 to 15 tons to market. The weight of the plough is 15 tons, and to draw it

at a regular number of horses and cattle were on the ground and attracted much attention. The vegetables, dairy produce and fancy goods were shown in the new mill and made a fine display.

Owing to the judges having left town with the list of prizes for some of the classes we are unable to give the prize list this week.

AGRICULTURAL DINNER, A LARGE AND INFLUENTIAL GATHERING.

Expressions of Dissatisfaction at the Grain Buyers Monopoly.

A Local County Court wanted.—Loyal and Other Toasts.

The County of Dennis Agricultural Society held their public Supper on Tuesday evening, at the Virden House and a large spread was prepared by Mr. James E. Baker, of the Virden Company of about sixty sit down to supper, the President, Mr. Elder, occupying the chair and the Vice-President, Mr. Proctor, the vice-chair.

There were present Mr. W. H. Bourne, Mr. Routledge, Mr. H. Thomas, Mr. John Joslin, Ingleson, Harris and Frame, and Reeves McLean, besides a number of other prominent gentlemen from all parts of this and neighboring counties.

Afres the dinner the tables were cleared, and the upper plates were removed, cigarette and fruit were handed round, and the company settled down to listen to the eloquence of the speakers and songs of the vocalists present. The first toast was proposed by the President, Mr. Elder, and the company sang "God save the Queen" in response. "The Army and Navy" coupled with the name of Mr. Routledge was enthusiastically drunk with musical honors, as were all the toasts at the above mentioned.

Mr. Routledge in responding thanked the company and during his remarks intimated that the proposed county battalion could not be formed at the present owing to the rank of his auxiliary forces being full.

Mr. Joslin then sang "A Fete of Green Grouse".

The President proposed "Mr. Ingleson the inventor of the steamplough," and remarked that the plough had

been a great attraction to this show. Mr. Ingleson replied in a short and suitable speech.

Mr. Powers then favored the company with a song "Little Brown Jug". Hon. Mr. Bourne proposed "The farmers of Manitoba," coupled with the name of Mr. Routledge.

Mr. Frame, in reply, considered the show had been a signal success. He remarked that it was only four years ago that he had passed over this spot and slept under the bush cover by (Gull) River, and during a single night built a building here then. It seemed like a dream to see the change, to see so many settled around, and such a fine display as they had witnessed to day. This year's show would teach them many things, and he hoped they would have brought with them a lesson.

The farmer meets with many drawbacks in this new country but other countries have their drawbacks as well. The speaker thought that farmers would have to go to market to sell their produce, in making this country a success.

Referring to the probable election of a member, in the near future, to represent this county in the Local Legislature, the speaker remarked that it was not necessary to go to the polls to vote for a candidate, for we could find many suitable in our own midst, the necessary qualifications being prudence, integrity and judgement.

Mr. Joslin also spoke on the question of the farmers shipping their own grain.

Mr. Graham, of southern Manitoba, was called upon to speak, and he referred to the injustice being done to the farmers of Manitoba by the present grain buyers monopoly.

The speaker made a few remarks on the same subject.

Mr. Routledge being called upon for a song gave "A Jolly Farmer."

Mr. Proctor next favored the company with a song: "The village blacksmith."

Mr. J. Frame proposed "The veterinarian" coupled with the name of Dr. Harris.

Mr. Harris responded briefly.

Mr. Power next sang a hunting song.

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